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Applicants: James B. Doherty, et al.

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For: (HALO-BENZO CARBONYL)HETEROCYCLO FUSED
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UnassignedThe Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to Examination on the merits of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully request entry of the following amendments:

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 3, please insert --

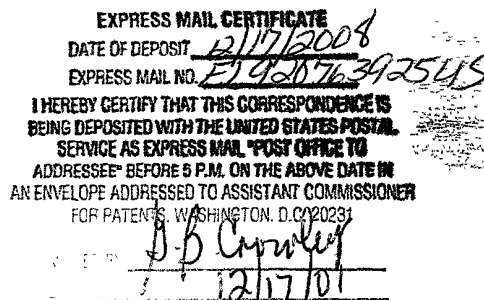
This application claims priority from Provisional Application No.: 60/256,822, filed December 20, 2000--.

Remarks

If a telephonic discussion would be helpful to further the prosecution, Applicant's attorney can be reached at the telephone number below. Correspondence should be directed to the address below. Any deficiencies in fees should be charged to Deposit Account 13-2755.

Respectfully submitted,

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